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25 **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, which detailed a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Office Action contained a ten-way Restriction Requirement.

30 Applicants elect the claims in Group I, claims 1-5, 9, 10, 14-16, 20, 27, 29-31, and 39-42, drawn to rat polynucleotides, means of expression and methods of use, with traverse.

Applicants contend that the subject matter of Groups I-X, including all of the pending claims, relates to osteoactivin, and therefore, the claims relate to only one invention.

35 Alternatively, the claims may be considered to be linked to osteoactivin as a single general inventive concept. Furthermore, search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement.

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5 The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite the prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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